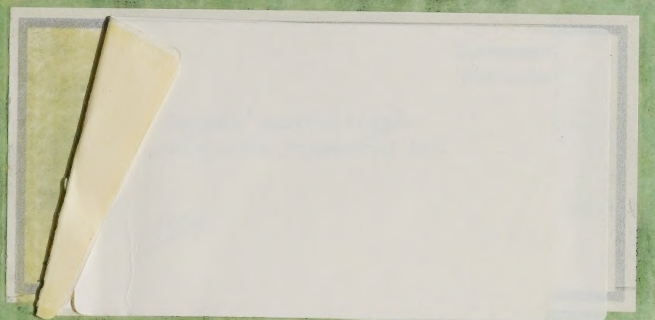


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The attached document singles out certain of the proposals contained in the provisional master plan for Forillon National Park which require immediate attention. That is to say, decisions on these proposals cannot be deferred until all written and oral briefs received at or following the public hearings have been studied and evaluated. It is imperative that these decisions be made before the end of this year in order that initial work can get underway.

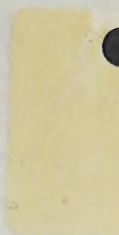
Forillon National Park is little more than a year old, but we anticipate that as knowledge of its existence and attractiveness spreads, visitor pressures will increase. There is, therefore, a dual need to provide immediate protection of the park's natural characteristics as well as to develop basic facilities to accomodate current visitor needs.

It is for these reasons that we have identified specific projects that relate to these needs and ask that comments, suggestions or criticisms pertaining to them be voiced at the public hearings in Gaspé, November 17, and Rimouski, November 19, or, alternatively, be made in writing and submitted to the Public Hearings Office in Ottawa no later than December 3, 1971.

A group of departmental specialists will then undertake an immediate assessment of such submissions and the department's decisions on them will be announced by January 14 or thereabouts.

Comments on other specific points and on the plan in general will, of course, be welcomed at the hearings and in written briefs. The usual deadline of 30 days after the hearing will apply for these briefs.


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PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR FORILLON NATIONAL PARK

REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION

Please note that most of the following proposals are interrelated and have been designed to protect the more fragile and unique areas of Forillon National Park. For example, proposals for two specific areas, Penouil and Cap Bon-Ami, allow minor day-use activity only. Proposals for the Cap-des-Rosiers-Est and Petit Gaspé areas encourage more intensive use to reduce potential visitor pressure on the Forillon Peninsula.

A. In and around Cap-des-Rosiers-Est it is proposed that:

1. 13 miles of parkway be completed linking Anse-au-Griffon and Cap-des-Rosiers-Est;
2. the park's main activity centre be developed around the Cap-des-Rosiers-Est wharf area;
3. a campground be established in this location with a view to phasing out the one at Cap Bon-Ami; and
4. commercial fishing installations at the wharf be improved to better accomodate those fishermen presently using this site.

B. At Petit Gaspé it is proposed that:

1. a sub-activity centre, focussed around the wharf area, be developed.
2. a temporary parking lot be constructed;
3. a mini-bus system be installed linking Petit Gaspé with Cap Gaspé. (This would eliminate private vehicular access, thereby reducing possible damage to the peninsula);
4. a shoreline nature trail be laid out between Petit Gaspé and Cap Gaspé; and
5. A campground be built here to complement the one proposed at Cap-des-Rosiers-Est; both to replace the facilities being phased out at Cap Bon-Ami.

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- C. In the Penouil region it is proposed that:
1. swimming and picnicking facilities be developed; and
 2. a 200-car temporary parking lot be constructed.
- D. At Cap Bon-Ami it is proposed that minor day-use facilities replace the existing campground.
- E. It is proposed that the existing Anse-au-Griffon/Portage Road be closed in order to consolidate the park interior as a wilderness zone.

